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A History ALUMNI Newsletter

Spring 1995

Number 12

James T. Baker, editor

Dear History Alumni:

Too much time has passed since our last newsletter. It's good to be in touch with all of you once more. Our hope is to maintain contact annually from now on and I am grateful to James Baker for his willingness to coordinate this effort.

Since we have very little current information on many of you, this issue of our newsletter will feature our faculty. But in the future we want to include as much as possible on you, so please fill out the enclosed postage-paid card and bring us up to date. We would like very much to hear from you.

Speaking of the history faculty, I know you will be interested in the present composition of the department. As many of you know, during the 1970s and 1980s we experienced very few personnel changes,

but since 1988 the department has witnessed the retirement of five seasoned veterans and welcomed seven new faculty. I'm glad to say that we continue to strive for that balance among teaching, research, and public service.

Finally, although I have personally thanked each of you who has contributed to the department as a result of our annual phonathon, I want to tell you once more how deeply we appreciate your support. Your gifts, great and small, are making a significant difference in enabling us to continue our tradition of excellence.

Yours sincerely,

Richard L. Troutman

Dick Troutman and Carol Crowe-Carraco exhibit a Western letter sweater earned by Edith Pearson in 1926 and recently given to the Kentucky Museum.





Standing before a portrait of Dr. A. M. Stickles are five long-time, now retired, faculty members: Crawford Crowe, Jim Thompson, James Calloway, Lowell Harrison, and John Minton.

They represent 189 years of teaching history. Not pictured are Helen Crocker, James Bennett and Drew Harrington.



Below is a listing of our present faculty members, the year of each one's appointment, and a few of each member's recent achievements.

Robert Antony (1988), faculty adviser to Phi Alpha Theta, is on sabbatical leave in China, where he is studying crime and punishment in the Qing Dynasty.

James Baker (1968) recently published the book, Studs Terkel, and is the 1994 winner of Potter College's Award for Research.

Anna Bates (1992), who teaches Gilded Age and the West, is currently working on biographies of communist leader Helen Winter and wild west figure Calamity Jane.

Charles Bussey (1970), whose research interest is the Jimmy Carter Administration, is writing a biography of former Surgeon General Julius B. Richmond.

Carol Crowe-Carraco (1970) is Western's Affirmative Action Coordinator. She does a one-

woman show about and is writing a biography of the founder of the Frontier Nursing service, Mary Breckinridge.

Robert Dietle (1991), the immediate past chair of Western's Faculty Senate, is reshaping his doctoral dissertation, "Salvaging the Everyday: the Bon Bourgeois of Paris," for publication.

George Dillingham (1975) advises Alpha Phi Omega and chairs the department's Speakers' Committee for the Public Schools. He is researching "Higher Education in Nashville" for the Tennessee bi-centennial celebration.

John Hardin (1991) is revising Kentucky's Black Heritage for the Commission on Human Rights and is completing a manuscript on "Black Higher Education in Kentucky, 1904-1954."

Carlton Jackson (1961), winner of the University Award for Research in 1992, recently edited the book, Kentucky Outlaw Man, and will soon publish Picking Up the Tab: The Life and Movies of Martin Ritt.

Marion Lucas (1966), winner of the University Award for Research in 1993, is writing a biography of John G. Fee, educator and abolitionist.

Patti Minter (1993), who teaches legal and constitutional history, is finishing "The Codification of Jim Crow," a study of the segregated transit system of the post-Civil War South.

Fred Murphy (1965) serves as director of the history honors program and is a member of the University Budget Committee.

Hugh Phillips (1988), who has just returned from a sabbatical semester in Russia, is preparing a documentary narrative of Soviet-German relations beginning with 1989.

Richard Salisbury (1976), winner of the University Award for Research in 1989, is studying Spanish and British influences in Central America during the early twentieth century.

Richard Stone (1969) continues to lecture and write on the history of American sports and has recently prepared entries for the Dictionary of North Carolina Biography.

Jack Thacker (1964) is experimenting with teaching history on the new interactive television system and is developing a course on the Holocaust.

Jason Thompson (1991), who shot the photographs for this edition of the Newsletter, is preparing a biography of British scholar Edward William Lane.

Richard Troutman (1967), department head, is editing the letters of Gertrude Carter Gilman, Episcopal missionary to China from 1901 to 1937.

Richard Weigel (1976), director of the history graduate program, just published Lepidus: The Tarnished Triumvir and is now studying Roman coins.

Professors who have recently traveled abroad for research are *Robert Antony, Richard Weigel, Hugh Phillips and Jason Thompson.*



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Among the faculty members who have won college or university awards in recent years are *Charles Bussey, Carlton Jackson, Marion Lucas and Richard Salisbury.*



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